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IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1-19 as follows:

1. (Amended) Method for manufacturing a device for fastening poles, posts, masts or the like in the ground, in particular a ground peg, with a basic body, at least one part portion of the basic body being provided with a screw-like or spiral-like thread for screwing into the ground and out of it again, and the basic body essentially having a cone-shaped basic shape with at least one conical part portion, wherein the basic body is hammered into the basic shape from an essentially cylindrical tube.

2. (Amended) Method for manufacturing a device for fastening poles, posts, masts or the like in the ground, in particular a ground peg, with a basic body, the basic body essentially having a cone-shaped basic shape with at least one conical part portion, wherein the basic body is hammered into the basic shape from an essentially cylindrical tube.

3. (Amended) Method according to Claim 2, wherein at least one fin-like surface element is attached to the basic body in its longitudinal direction.

4. (Amended) Method according to Claim 3, wherein three or four fin-like surface elements are attached in a circumferentially equiangularly spaced manner.

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5. (Amended) Method according to one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the basic body, with a holding portion and with an anchoring portion, is hammered in one piece.

6. (Amended) Method according to one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the basic shape of the basic body is designed as an anchoring portion, and a holding portion manufactured by means of a tube-end pressing method is attached thereto.

7. (Amended) Method according to one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the basic body, with the anchoring portion and holding portion, is essentially hollow throughout.

8. (Amended) Method according to one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the basic body has an anchoring portion and a bore is included in the basic body, at least in a lower, first part portion of the anchoring portion in the direction of insertion into the ground.

9. (Amended) Method according to Claim 5, wherein a tip is attached to the anchoring portion on the basic body.

10. (Amended) Device for fastening poles, posts, masts or the like in the ground, with a basic body which has an anchoring portion for anchoring in the ground and a holding portion for receiving the pole, post, mast or the like, the anchoring portion being designed as a cone-shaped, essentially acute-angled displacement body which has at least two part portions having different cone angles, and bearing at least in one of the two part portions a screw-shaped or spiral-shaped

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thread for screwing into the ground and out of it again, the second part portion following the first cone-shaped part portion in the screwing-in direction having a greater cone angle, wherein the anchoring portion is formed in one piece from a blank which is hammered from a cylindrical tubular part, and the holding portion and essentially the anchoring portion are hollow throughout.

11. (Amended) Fastening device according to Claim 10, wherein the thread extends essentially over the entire length of the anchoring portion.

12. (Amended) Device for fastening poles, posts, masts or the like in the ground, with a basic body which has an anchoring portion for anchoring in the ground and a holding portion for receiving the pole, post, mast or the like, the anchoring portion being designed as a cone-shaped, essentially acute-angled displacement body which has at least one cone-shaped part portion, wherein the anchoring portion is formed in one piece from a blank which is hammered from a cylindrical tubular part, and the holding portion and essentially the anchoring portion are hollow throughout.

13. (Amended) Fastening device according to Claim 12, wherein the basic body has at least one fin-like surface element in its longitudinal direction.

14. (Amended) Fastening device according to Claim 13, wherein three or four fin-like surface elements are attached to the circumference of the basic body at an essentially equal distance from one another.